Alberta Finance
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF August 12, 2002 TO August 16, 2002

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New Housing Price Index (1992=100)	June			New house prices in Canada increased slightly in June, up 0.2% from May. Most regions experienced very modest gains, with the largest increases reported by Kitchener-Waterloo (1.2%) and Regina (0.9%). Sudbury-Thunder Bay (-0.7%) and Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton (-0.2%) experienced the only declines. Above average increases in Calgary and Edmonton are attributed to higher material and labour costs
Canada	110.3	0.2%	4.1%	
Edmonton	122.5	0.7%	7.8%	
Calgary	142.6	0.4%	5.4%	
New Motor Vehicle Sales	June			New motor vehicle sales in Canada fell by 2.0% in June. Despite the decrease, monthly sales averaged 140,000 since November 2001. The sale of new passenger cars decreased 1.6% from May, while truck sales fell 2.5%. Alberta (3.1%) and Newfoundland (1.0%) were the only provinces to experience increases in June. The largest declines were reported in Saskatchewan (-8.5%) and Nova Scotia (-8.4%), while Ontario sales decreased 2.2%.
Alberta	17,528	3.1%	7.8%	
Canada	142,715	-2.0%	4.5%	
Canadian Composite Leading Index (1992=100)	July			The Composite Leading Index rose 0.2% in July, its twelfth consecutive increase. New orders (1.9%) in manufacturing reported strong gains, but were partly offset by decreases in the housing index (-1.4%) and S & P/TSX stock (-2.7%). The composite leading was up 6.9% over July 2001.
	177.6	0.2%	6.9%	